


**Method and arrangement for switching vacuum switches**

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**Abstract**

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In the case of a vacuum switch having two series connected vacuum switching paths, one switching path (1') is opened approximately a quarter of a cycle of the switched AC voltage later than the other switching path (1), in order to increase the switching-off capability. A common control cam (7) is used to control the switching paths (1, 1'). This control cam (7) operates the moving contacts (4, 4') of the switching paths by means of switching linkages (5, 5'). 

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